(a) whether it is a fact that some unscrupulous elements have made encroachments on Government land by putting their cattle near Block No. 6 of DIZ Area, Sector-IV, New Delhi causing thereby a great deal of difficulties to the allottees of Government accommodation of that area and also danger/health hazard to the children;

(b) whether NDMC have received complaints in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not removing those cattle and encroachments and by when Government propose to take action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Payment for compensatory leave to CISF personnel in J&K

†1716. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CISF personnel are paid one month's salary as compensatory leave annually;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the personnel of 8th Reserve Battalion of CISF Kishtavar, Doda, Jammu and Kashmir have not been paid their compensatory leave due for year 2000 till today;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the 8th Reserve Battalion personnel will be paid their compensatory leave and pay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. CISF personnel are compensated in cash for doing duties on holidays and the limit for such payment against compensatory leave is 30 days in a year.

(b) and (c) The Personnel in the 8th Reserve Battalion CISF posted at Kishtavar have been allowed cash in lieu of compensatory leave for the year 2000. Because of transfer of these personnel from one unit to other, there are administrative difficulties in regular payment of this cash compensation against compensatory leave to all the personnel claiming such benefit. Accordingly, there are certain personnel who are yet to be paid this cash compensation.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Ministry of Home Affairs has already directed CISF to make payment of cash compensation for working on holidays as per laid down guidelines to the personnel of 8th Reserve Battalion in the current financial year itself.

ISI conspiracy to use newspapers for its nefarious activities

†1717. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani intelligence agency ISI has now conspired to use newspapers to spread its roots in India;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that as reported by IB, the intelligence agency of Government of India, that ISI is now trying to invest money in a clandestine manner in some big vernacular newspapers of Northern India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Available inputs do not confirm use of newspapers by ISI for futherance of its activities in the country.

Action against those favouring Osama Bin Laden

1718. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Muslim organisations and clerics in India have raised their voice in favour of Osama Bin Laden after US attack on Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to counter them; and what political and social steps have been taken to bring them in line with the Government stand to support American efforts to root out terrorism from the globe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per available information some Muslim leaders and organisations have raised their voice in favour of Osama Bin Laden and condemned the US-led air-strikes in Afghanistan and expressed the anguish of the Muslim community over these developments. At the same time some eminent moderate Muslim opinion leaders have supported the efforts to root out terrorism in the name of *jehad*, or other issue.

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